

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3649

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program to furnish hyperbaric oxygen therapy to a veteran who has a traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 2023

Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Ms. STRICKLAND, and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program to furnish hyperbaric oxygen therapy to a veteran who has a traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans National
5 Traumatic Brain Injury Treatment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM TO FURNISH HYPERBARIC OXY-**
2 **GEN THERAPY TO A VETERAN WITH TRAU-**
3 **MATIC BRAIN INJURY OR POST-TRAUMATIC**
4 **STRESS DISORDER.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Veterans
6 Affairs shall implement a pilot program to furnish HBOT
7 to a veteran who has a traumatic brain injury or post-
8 traumatic stress disorder through a health care provider
9 described in section 1703(c)(5) of title 38, United States
10 Code.

11 (b) LOCATIONS.—The Secretary shall select three
12 Veterans Integrated Service Networks in which to operate
13 the pilot program.

14 (c) FUNDING.—

15 (1) There is in the general fund of the Treasury
16 a fund to be known as the “VA HBOT Fund” (in
17 this Act referred to as the “Fund”).

18 (2) The sole source of monies for the Fund
19 shall be donations received by the Secretary for ex-
20 press purposes of the Fund.

21 (3) Amounts in the Fund shall be available to
22 the Secretary without fiscal year limitation to pay
23 for HBOT under subsection (a).

24 (4) The Fund shall terminate on the termi-
25 nation date under subsection (d).

1 (d) TERMINATION.—The pilot program shall termi-
2 nate on the day that is five years after the date of the
3 enactment of this Act.

4 (e) HBOT DEFINED.—In this Act, the term
5 “HBOT” means hyperbaric oxygen therapy with a medical
6 device—

7 (1) approved by the Food and Drug Adminis-
8 tration; or

9 (2) issued an investigational device exemption
10 by the Food and Drug Administration.

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